

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Michael Grannan, et al.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING DIGITAL RIGHTS AND
CONTENT ASSETS

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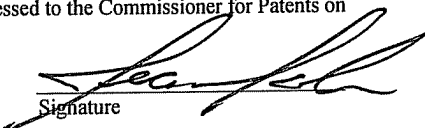
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

The USPTO has restricted claims 1-49 of this application into Group I (claims 1-7, 16-28), Group II (claims 8-10, 42-49), Group III (claims 11-14), Group IV (claim 15), and Group V (claims 29-41).

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-7, 16-28) and provisionally withdraw the non-elected claims of Groups II, III, IV, and V. The restriction is respectfully traversed in order to preserve the issue for subsequent petition since the examination of all of the claims is not believed to create an undue burden on the USPTO and since the subject matter among the groups is not independent and distinct as required by statute. Furthermore, different classifications as recited by the USPTO are not adequate grounds for restriction since the USPTO has historically examined applications containing multiple sets of claims with different classifications.


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Applicants traverse the restriction, and believe that the subject matter of Groups I, II, III, IV, and V can be used together. Group I includes a content broker hosting service module and a system to provide a content brokerage service. Group II includes a method of distributing content using a hosting service and a method of managing media content. Group III includes a method of processing a remote command from a third party site to facilitate direct ordering in conjunction with content broker services. Group IV includes a method of processing a request from a content service user. Group V includes a method of managing content. Applicants submit that the subject matter in Groups I, II, III, IV, and V can be used together compatibly.

In summary, Applicants elect the claims of Group I for further prosecution and provisionally withdraw the non-elected claims from consideration. Reconsideration and further prosecution on the merits of at least the claims of Group I are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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